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Subject:00009-22 Key Points on Potential Impacts to Critical Infrastructure - Convoy in Ottawa - 31 Jan
2022, 12:00 EDT

Hello Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 17:00 EDT

Overview

- Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the United States to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.

- Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-U.S. essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points

Details on Demonstrations

- **As of 10:00 there were no people on Parliament Hill and minimal presence on Wellington).**
- Demonstrations continue at several border points of entry, notably Windsor, ON, Coutts, AB, and Emerson MB.

Preparedness and Response efforts

- The GOC hosted a Significant Event Information Sharing Protocol (SEISP) teleconference on 30 Jan, with partners at TBS and PCO. Next meeting is scheduled for Mon 31 Jan at 13:00 EDT.
- On 29 Jan, a Request for Federal Assistance (RFA) from Ontario was approved for access to Cartier Square Drill Hall parking lot, for staging of Ottawa Police Service (OPS) operations.
- On 29 Jan a NOTAM was issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa extending from Victoria Island to New Edinburgh, including the Byward Market, Lowertown and over the Ottawa River, to include a section of downtown Hull/Gatineau.
- **OC Transpo service around downtown Ottawa suspended on third day of truck convoy protest.** [Link](#)
- **OPS reports the following activities:**
 - OPS expects downtown Ottawa should largely be back to normal within 24 to 48 hours [Link](#)
 - OPS and the City of Ottawa are urging people to avoid non-essential travel on 31 Jan 2022 especially in the downtown core and plan to work from home if possible. [Link](#)
 - First responders, health care workers and City employees are no longer being asked to use Portage to enter the City – they will need to cross over MacDonald-Cartier and Champlain bridges.
- **The House of Commons will resume sitting on 31 Jan. MPs have the option to join the session virtually or in person.** [Link](#)
- For information on planned traffic routes and road closures as of 11:30 EDT please refer to the following webmap: [Link to webmap](#) and for near real time updated on road closures please see the city of Ottawa website. [Link](#)

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- The majority of the event has been peaceful thus far.
- Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- **There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.**

On behalf of Deryck Trehearne, DG Government Operations Centre.

Thank you.

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